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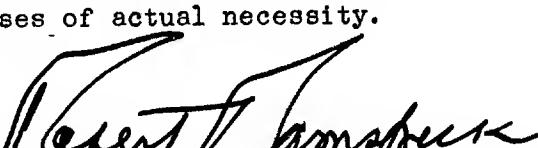
TO HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND INDEPENDENT ESTABLISHMENTS

SUBJECT: Policy with respect to employees' jury service.

Your attention is invited to the attached copy of a letter from Honorable Bolitha J. Laws, Chief Judge, U. S. District Court, Washington, D. C. and a Subcommittee report of the D. C. branch of the American Bar Association Committee on Improving the Administration of Justice.

This report tells of the difficulties encountered by the courts due to the numerous requests that are received that prospective jurors be excused, or at least that their services be deferred. The report also emphasizes the importance of trial by jury in our American system of justice.

In order that our courts may be freed from the difficulty of having to pass on numerous requests that prospective jurors be excused, it is hoped that all Departments and Independent Establishments will adopt the recommendations of the Subcommittee and not ask that their personnel be excused from jury duty, except in cases of actual necessity.

  
Robert Ramspeck  
Chairman

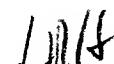
Attachment: Letter from Chief Judge Laws to Chairman Ramspeck, dated August 11, 1952. (1 copy to each addressee)

*(Only one copy of the attachment was received  
Mr. Meloon has it.)*

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